



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re application of:

Avi ASHKENAZI, et al.

Application Serial No. 09/903,640

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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE  
POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC  
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

) Examiner: Ketter, James

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**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In the above identified application, a Final Office Action was mailed on February 22, 2006 and a response was timely filed before the two month date on April 20, 2006, with a Declaration by Dr. Paul Polakis (with attached Exhibits A and B). No Advisory Action was mailed. A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 22, 2006 with required fees.

This Preliminary Response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 for the above identified application, and is filed with a petition for a one-month extension of time with necessary fees.

This submission is accompanied by a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Randy Scott and with an Information Disclosure Statement, with copies of additional references in support of the Applicants' arguments. Applicants respectfully request that the previous response, the Polakis Declaration, the Information Disclosure Statement and the Scott Declaration be made of record in the above-identified application, and be considered by the Examiner.

**Pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.